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DECLARATION



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As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES USING METROLOGY," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2001, and assigned Application No. 09/902,491 (Attorney Docket No. 29195.8165US); and this application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/612,176, filed July 8, 2000; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/733,608, filed December 8, 2000; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/866,463, filed May 24, 2001; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/872,151, filed May 31, 2001.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the present application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

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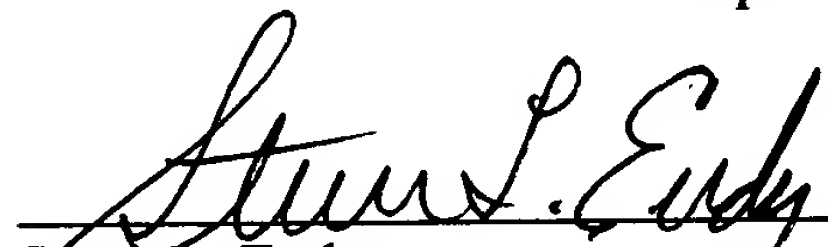

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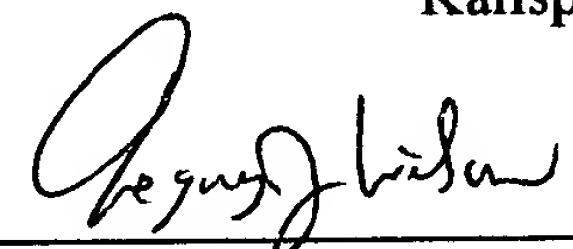

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